



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Alain BETHUNE

Application No.: 09/330,134

Filed: June 11, 1999

A METHOD AN APPARATUS FOR APPLYING A COATING SUCH AS A PAINT

OR VARNISH



Group Art Unit: 1762

Examiner:

K. Crockford

Docket No.: 103602

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Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D.C. 20231

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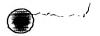
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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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Small entity status of this application has been established.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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In reply to the Office Action mailed November 2, 2001, the personal interview held on February 27, 2002 and the Request for Continued Examination filed on April 2, 2002, the period for reply effectively extended by a Two-Month Petition for Extension of Time to April 2, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1929, 43 and 44 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please replace claims 1, 10, 12, 32, 34 and 40-42 as follows:

(Twice Amended) A method of applying a coating on a hollow article 1. comprising a bottom and a side wall, the bottom having an inner surface, the method comprising:

depositing a predetermined quantity of coating on said inner surface of said bottom, without said coating contacting said side wall; and

spreading the coating by causing the article to revolve.